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ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT GRANT SUB-AWARD FROM DUCKS UNLIMITED INC

The Land & Water Resources Department has secured a \$400,000 grant from Ducks Unlimited Inc. as a sub-award of a North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant – Horicon Coastal Connections Phase II. \$350,000 is for land acquisition and \$50,000 is for wetland and associated upland restoration for the benefit of migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and other wildlife.

The restoration funds will be used for a wetland and prairie restoration project in the Walking Iron Wildlife Area in the Town of Mazomanie. The project has many water quality benefits, including allowing the water to filter through the wetland before it eventually enters the Wisconsin River, increasing groundwater recharge and providing excellent waterfowl and pheasant hunting habitat.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby accept the \$400,000 in grant funds from Ducks Unlimited Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Executive is authorized to sign sub-award agreements and the Dane County Parks Director and Natural Resource Manager are authorized to submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete approved projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is authorized to sign notice of grant requirements that will be recorded on properties used for match to secure the grant or restored in whole or part with grant funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that revenue account CPLWRESC 8173 SW NAWCA Grant be increased by \$400,000 and expense account CPLWRESC 51305 WALKING IRON WLA RESTORATION be increased by \$50,000 and expense account CPLWRESC 58849 SW NAWCA ACQUISITION be increased by \$350,000 and that all funds shall be carried forward until realized and expended.